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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masahiro SHIMIZU et al.) Group Art Unit: 3742
Application No.: 10/085,092) Examiner: Shawntina T. FUQUA
Filed: March 1, 2002)
For: HEAT TREATMENT APPARATUS USING A LAMP FOR RAPIDLY AND UNIFORMLY HEATING A WAFER)))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated September 29, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between three patentably distinct species of the invention. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species A, Figs 2-26. Pending claims 1-8 and 19-25 are directed to the elected species, Species A, Figs. 2-26. Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 19-25 should be examined by the Examiner and claims 9-18 and 26-37 should be withdrawn from consideration.

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